

REMARKS

Amendments to the Claims

Applicant cancels claim 20 without prejudice and adds claims 21-40. Claims 21-40 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112

The Office Action rejected Claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Office Action further stated that the “term ‘fills the space between the cortex of the femoral neck’ is not clear.”

Applicant has cancelled Claim 20 and adds Claims 21-40. No new matter has been introduced. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

Claim 20 of the application was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,383,227 to Baroud.

Applicant has cancelled Claim 20 and adds Claims 21-40. No new matter has been introduced. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 be withdrawn.

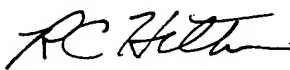
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending Claims 21-40 are in condition for allowance and such a Notice is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if, in the opinion of the Examiner, such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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